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adj.

1. Lacking an essential quality or element: *deficient in common sense*.
2. Inadequate in amount or degree; insufficient: *a deficient education*.

[Latin *dēficiēns*, *dēficiēt-*, present participle of *dēficere*, to fail, be wanting; see [DEFECT](#).]

de·fi·cient *n.*

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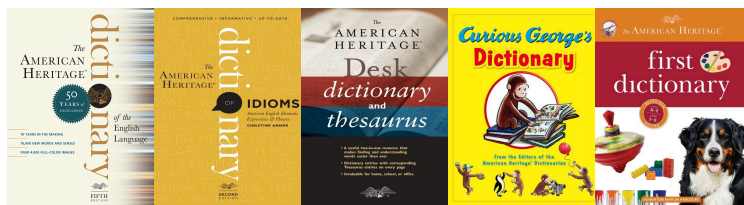
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